

Ask Continued Tax Benefits

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ican, the U. S. has an Embassy in Rome already.

The staff report concluded that the grounds for traditional United States policy of no official representation to the Vatican have validity. It also observed that "the dynamic developments within the Roman Catholic Church make this an improper time to change the policy."

REAFFIRMS FREEDOMS

WASHINGTON (BP)—The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in semi-annual session here reaffirmed its position that the First Amendment to the Constitution is adequate protection in law for religious liberty.

The action was taken in view of hearings that may be scheduled by

the Senate subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments to consider proposed "prayer amendments" that are designed to undo the Supreme Court decisions on religion in public schools.

The most prominent of these proposals is the so-called Dirksen Amendment.

This proposal, submitted by Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R., Ill.), says, "Nothing in this Constitution shall abridge the right of persons lawfully assembled, in any public building which is supported in whole or in part through the expenditure of public funds, to participate in non-denominational prayer."

It is the intent of the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments to announce within the next three months that hearings on the

Dirksen Amendment will be scheduled.

In instructing its staff for testimony at these hearings, the Baptist Joint Committee did not address itself directly to the Dirksen Amendment but reaffirmed its long-standing position that the First Amendment is adequate.

BAPTISTS URGED TO WORK

WASHINGTON (BP)—The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in semi-annual session here joined in call to its constituent bodies "to act to bring a new order in American life of justice and unity."

The statement with which the Baptist Joint Committee concurred was signed by 48 Baptists who attended its National Religious Liberty Conference last October. It was referred to the March meeting of the committee.

C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director, said that the Baptist Joint Committee exists, among other things, for the purposes set forth in the statement.

Here is the text of the document referred to the Baptist Joint Committee by its 48 signers:

CHURCHES, TAXATION

WASHINGTON (BP)—Principles of religious liberty and tax reform will be the subject of a paper to be produced by the staff of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

The committee in semi-annual session here instructed its staff to continue work on the problem of taxation and the churches and their agencies. After the staff work is done, the paper will be taken back to the committee for consideration.

The action was taken after C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director, read a "trial balloon" paper on taxation to the committee. His paper on some concepts relating to church taxation, evoked favorable response from several committee members.

The problem of taxation of churches and their agencies has been brought into special focus by hearings conducted by the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives in the U. S. Congress.

In addition, many of the state governments are reassessing their policies in relation to tax exemption for churches and charitable organizations.

Churches Must Seek Integrity, Prof Says

NASHVILLE (BP)—In one word—"integrity"—a Baptist seminary professor summed up what he feels is the major need in the life of Baptist churches to sustain and increase mission conviction and giving which must undergird the Christian task ahead.

E. Luther Copeland, professor of missions at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., diagnosed the need in an address delivered to Southern Baptist leaders at a forum to discuss the Cooperative Program unified budget plan, during the SBC Executive Committee meeting.

"Honesty in communication, authenticity in worship, relevance in witness and ministry—these are the expressions of integrity which the church must have in order to be the church," Copeland said.

"Hopefully, from this kind of integrity will issue the conviction and the giving to undergird the mission of the Christ in which the church is called to share," he said.

Citing a credibility gap between both the church and the world, and within the church as well, Copeland called for Baptist churches to be completely honest in their efforts.

"We need to promote honesty, radical honesty, in our communication with each other and society at large," he declared.

Too many people in society, including secularists, humanists with high idealism, and alienated youth, think that the church is phony and that ministers are phoniest of all, Copeland said.

As examples, he cited a new convert who told him he was distressed because he found more honesty in the secular world than in the church; and a Baptist woman who wrote him that his comments on the ecumenical movement would "get an intelligent appraisal" at the John Birch Society of which she was a member, but "the lid may come off" if his views were shared in a Sunday School class or WMU (Woman's Missionary Union) Circle.

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The combined total missions gifts through the Cooperative Program and designated contributions reached \$16,077,626 for the first two months of the year, an increase of \$1 1/4 million or 10.67 per cent.

Williams said that he and Porter Routh, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee, still had not been able to determine exactly why there was a 16 per cent decrease during the month of December, but they were greatly encouraged by the increased giving during January and February which has offset the December decrease.

May Workshop To Aim At Closing Church-Youth Gap

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Closing the gap between church and youth will be one of the focal points in the "Summer Youth Program Workshop," to be held May 9-11, on the campus of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Sponsored by the seminary's School of Religious Education, the workshop will be designed for those working with youth this summer and will offer practical programming ideas and skills needed for an effective program.

Specialized insight into the youth ministry will come from a number of experienced youth directors and seminary professors, and two members of the Church Recreation Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board—Leon Mitchell and Bob Oldenburg.

Areas to be explored during the workshop include: achieving effective Bible study, recreation, sports, retreats, camping, parties, evangelism, drama, and dealing with contemporary issues.

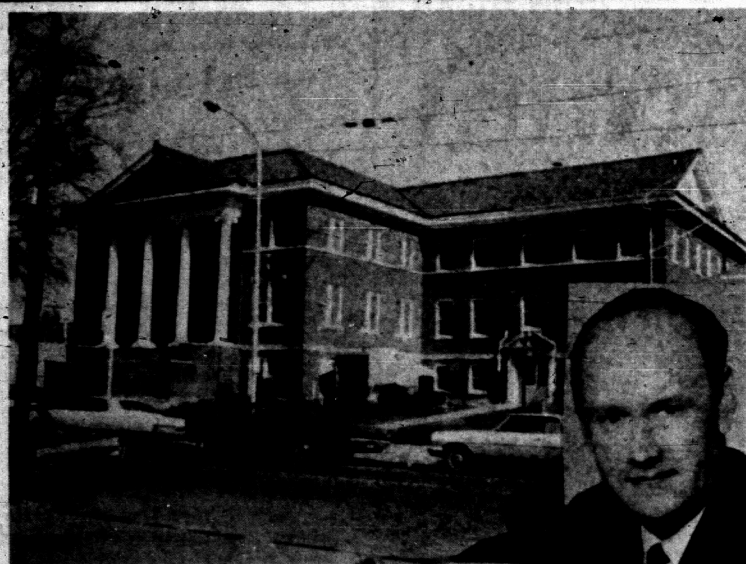
Workshop Director William R.

Cromer, who teaches youth education at the seminary, indicated that anyone who works with youth during the summer will find the May workshop "a valuable resource in starting and maintaining a youth ministry will be alive and meaningful to the church, as well as to the young people directly involved."

Ministers of youth, summer youth directors, pastors, ministers of education or music, or interested laymen of laywomen, who might be working with a summer program, are invited to attend.

The \$10.00 per person fee includes housing on campus for two nights, as long as space is available. Early registration is encouraged to insure campus housing. If campus housing is not available, assistance will be given in locating accommodations. The fee also includes payment for a special participant's workbook, but does not include transportation, meals, incidentals, etc.

Persons wishing to register should send a \$5.00 registration fee to Dr. William R. Cromer, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40206.



Natchez, 1st No. 11 In Per Capita Mission Gifts

The First Baptist Church of Natchez was number eleven in the state in per capita and number twelve in total giving to missions through the Cooperative Program in 1967-68. Under the leadership of former pastor, Dr. Lewis White, this church began the use of the Forward Program of Christian Stewardship for the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Dallas.

ardship. This has been continued in the ministry of Rev. Tom Dunlap, pastor since December, 1961. The program is a part of the regular scheduled event each year and has been used now for about twelve years.

A full organized WMU and a mission-minded Brotherhood keep the cause of world missions in the minds and on the hearts of the people. The Cooperative Program, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and State Missions Offering all receive energetic promotion each year.

The Finance Committee also serves as the Budget Committee. This group works the year around to keep abreast of all local as well as world needs. Thus they are able to build a budget that is well balanced and far reaching. The present budget carries 25% of undesignated funds for the Cooperative Program.

1500 Expected

April WMU Convention

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sionaries" at Calvary Baptist Church from 4:30 - 5:30 Tuesday afternoon.

Girls' Auxiliary members will "meet the missionaries" at the host church at 7:30 Tuesday evening.

Mothers of Mississippi missionaries will be recognized as special guests at the opening session with Mrs. Carey Cox of Clinton, vice - president, directing.

A business session will be held Wednesday morning which will include the election of officers and reports of registration, courtesy and other committees.

Convention theme will be "...Witnesses unto me... both... and (Acts 1:8).

Dr. Edwin Robinson is executive secretary of the State W.M. U.

Other officers are Mrs. D. P. Godman, Jackson, recording secretary and Miss Sue Tatum, Yazoo City, assistant recording secretary.

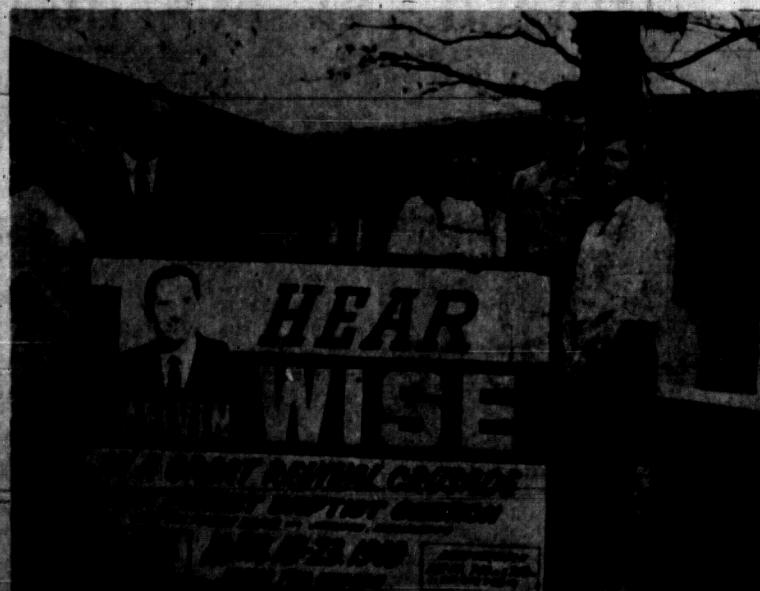
Cooperative Receipts Up 5.4 Pct. For Year

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for the first two months of this convention year, ending Feb. 28, totaled \$702,735, according to A. L. Nelson, Jackson, treasurer and business manager of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

This is an increase of \$35,788 or 5.4 percent over the \$666,947 given the same period a year ago.

Receipts for February totaled \$300,460, an increase of \$8,556 or 2.9 percent over the \$291,904 contributed in February a year ago.

The Cooperative Program is the principal channel of mission giving of the denomination and accounts for about two-thirds of the total mission contributions.



Young People Involved In America's Crusade

YOUNG PEOPLE from Oak Forest Church, Jackson, have been busy posting signs, publishing their Crusade of America revival, March 16-23. Left to right, above: Vicki White, Rev. Tom Hudson, pastor, Debbie Watts, Terry Watts, and Linda Sappins. Rev. Melvin Wise of Atlanta, Georgia will be the evangelist and Tom Larrimore of Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, will be the pianist for the revival.



J. M. Frost Makes Visit To BSSB

NASHVILLE — Upper left: J. M. Frost, first recording secretary and treasurer of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, signs the guest register in the board's administration building and receives his visitor's badge. Upper right: Frost visits the Founders' Room, a reproduction of the site of the 1891 founding of the board, as J. M. Crowe, associate executive secretary-treasurer, looks on; lower left: Frost's gold-headed cane is part of a collection of memorabilia displayed in the board's Dargan-Carver Library; lower right: church literature wrapping assembly line is an innovation in which Frost displays interest. (Frost is portrayed by actor George Riddle, who recently visited the board for the photographing of historical scenes to be included in the board's new public relations film "Vision.")—BSSB PHOTO.

A Prayer For Senior Citizens

Some older woman, whose name we do not know, has worked some valuable advice into a prayer to be used by older folks. Our own belief is that it may prove to be of as great value to younger folks:

"Lord, thou knowest that I am growing older.

"Keep me from becoming too talkative, and particularly keep me from falling into the tiresome habit of expressing an opinion on every subject.

"Release me from the craving to straighten out everybody's affairs.

"Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details. Give me wings to get to the point.

"Give me grace, dear Lord, to listen to others describe their aches and pains. Help me to endure the boredom with patience and to keep my lips sealed. For my own aches and pains are increasing in number and intensity and the pleasure of outwitting them is becoming sweeter all the years go by.

"Teach me the glorious lesson that, occasionally, I might be mistaken.

"Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not wish to be a saint (saints are so hard to live with) but a sour old woman is the crowning work of the devil.

"Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not pushy; independent, yet able to accept with graciousness favors that others wish to bestow on me.

"Free me of the notion that simply because I have lived a long time I am wiser than those who have not lived so long.

"If I do not approve of some of the changes that have taken place in recent years, give me the wisdom to keep my mouth shut.

"Lord knows that when the end comes I would like to have a friend or two left."—The Curtis Courier"



Alaskan Eskimo Gets Walrus Hide Toss

Mrs. Naomi Ruth Hunke, wife of E. W. Hunke, Jr., executive secretary-treasurer of the Alaska Baptist Convention, recently visited Kotzebue, Alaska, and Home Mission Board missionaries there. While in Kotzebue she saw about a dozen adults grasp the outer edges of a walrus hide and treat several children to a rollicking "blanket" toss. She learned that the blanket toss originated as a means for spotting seals beyond the edge of the huge ice sheets. The Home Missions Graded Series, taught this month, included three books about Alaska.—(Home Board Photo by Don Rutledge)

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Conference To Face World In Revolution

The emphasis will be on "telling it like it is" at the Student Missions Conference at New Orleans Seminary, March 21-23. Dr. Ronald Hill, director of the conference said, "We expect the entire weekend to be one of telling it like it is as we face up to a world in revolution, with a gospel that is revolutionary."

Illinois Board Names Staffer, Architect

CARBONDALE, Ill. (BP) — The board of directors of the Illinois Baptist State Association meeting here elected a new state Sunday School secretary, and employed an architect to design the new Baptist Building to be erected in Springfield, Ill.

John W. Perkins, associate in the convention's Sunday School department for the past 2½ years, was promoted to department secretary, succeeding Ernest Adams who resigned to join the staff of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

The firm of Perry and Henderson of Springfield was named to design the new state convention office building in that city. Tentative plans call for completion of the new building by the summer of 1971 when the headquarters will be moved from the present building in Carbondale to the more centrally-located city of Springfield.

Perry and Henderson is the firm which designed the renovation of the Old State Capitol Building in Springfield, where Abraham Lincoln tried more than 200 cases before the Supreme Court. The building was taken apart stone by stone, and rebuilt to include an underground garage and space for the State Historical Library.

Pioneer Pastor Called, Ordained

Rev. Lawrence Runnels, son of Mrs. Mary Runnels and the late O. W. Runnels of Mt. Olive, has accepted the call of Pioneer Church, Wilkinson County, and has been serving the church as pastor since Jan. 5. He is a graduate of Clarke College, and Mississippi College, and is presently attending New Orleans Seminary.

Mr. Runnels was ordained to the gospel ministry on January 19 by First Church, Mt. Olive, upon the request of Pioneer Church. The pastor, Rev. Jerry Slonaker, preached the ordination sermon; Clifton Byrd presented the Bible; Frank Jones delivered the charge to the candidate, and Paul Williamson delivered the charge to the church.

Mrs. Runnels is the former Frances Porter of Philadelphia. Rev. and Mrs. Runnels have one son, Larry, age sixteen months.

Mikolaski Resigns N.O. Seminary

NEW ORLEANS — Dr. Samuel J. Mikolaski, professor of theology and philosophy of religion at the New Orleans Baptist Seminary, has announced his resignation, effective this summer. He, his wife and four children are Canadians and will be returning to Baptist work in Canada. They came to New Orleans in 1960.

Baptist Foundation

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He approved the thesis that "private giving serves the public interest."

"For this reason," Shearin said, "our laws have wisely encouraged charitable giving by granting liberal tax advantages to the donor or to his estate."

Specifically, Shearin favored the increase from 30 per cent to 50 per cent for deductible contributions, the increase from 10 to 14 per cent on standard deductions for charitable contributions, and the separation of charitable deductions from other personal deductions.

He opposed limitation of deductions of gifts of property to cost to the owner and tax liability for the appreciated value of such property. He further opposed the recommendation for income tax deduction beginning at 3 per cent of the adjusted gross income and the repeal of the provision for two-year charitable trusts.

MC Announces Free Concert For Children

Saturday, March 22, at 11:00 a.m., the Mississippi College Orchestra and String Extension Department will present a concert focused on the interest of boys and girls. This entertaining and informative concert will range from a demonstration of orchestral instruments and musical stories to selections by the Youth Orchestra and the Mississippi College Orchestra. The concert is to be given in Aven Hall Auditorium. The public is invited, especially children in age from 5 to 12. There is no admission charge.

Hill, who is himself a missionary to Thailand, has enlisted an array of outstanding leaders from all areas of mission work. Included during the three days will be addresses, discussions, conferences, panels, tours, music, and inspiration.

"We expect to tell it like it is in regard to the race issue," Hill said. One of the resource persons for the conference will be Dr. Charles Boddie, president of the American Baptist (Negro) Theological Seminary in Nashville.

Other program personnel include Dr. Edgar Arendall, Dr. Keith Parks, and more than twenty missionaries, seminary professors, doctors, and others.

Regarding the location of the conference, Dr. Hill said, "New Orleans is not called 'America's most interesting city' for nothing. She is a window on what is happening in modern America as well as a window on the world. A truly interesting, international city, she is a proper setting for a conference on world missions."

The cost is only \$2.00 per student, plus meals. Full information is available by writing Dr. Ronald Hill at 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, La., 70126.

MC String Quartet To Present Recital

The "Eroica" String Quartet of Mississippi College will be presented in recital Sunday afternoon, March 18, at 3:00 P.M. in Aven Hall on the campus.

The program will consist of Quartet No. 12 in G Major by Mozart and Rispetti E. Strambotti by Malipiero. Members of the Quartet are: Allan Fuller, 1st violin; Phil Lowe, 2nd violin; Anne Mason, viola; Dick Brown, cello. Fuller and Mason are on the music faculty of M.C.

The Quartet recorded several numbers on a record put out by the "Singing Churchmen of Mississippi" two years ago.

The public is invited.

First In State

Mrs. R. R. Burns, (pictured) Superintendent of Beginner I Department in Parkway Sunday School, Jackson, is the first superintendent in the State to apply for Distinguished Achievement recognition. This is the highest recognition given by the Baptist Sunday School Board for efficiency in Sunday School work.

Mrs. Burns has been a teacher for fifty years, twenty-two years with beginner children at Parkway.



Cason Church Members Pull Together

The photo above, made at the groundbreaking ceremony for a new auditorium and fellowship hall for Cason Church, signifies the work that has been done together to realize the new addition. Providing the guiding hand was pastor of the church, Rev. Arthur D'Haillecourt (second from right holding the plow) with the able assistance of church deacons and members of the building committee (pulling the rope). Others identified in photo are R. J. Wilmon (left of Rev. D'Haillecourt) of Wilmon Bros. Construction Co., contractors for the addition; and Rev. Joseph

Oliver (right of pastor) Monroe County Missionary. Rev. Earl Ezell, pastor of Meadowood Church in Amory, was the main speaker for the groundbreaking services. The new addition will be 40 x 94 feet with the new auditorium, taking up 40 x 70 feet, with a seating capacity of 350 people. Immediately in back of the auditorium will be the fellowship hall measuring 40 x 24 feet. The new structure, costing \$40,000, will be financed by the sale of bonds provided by the Church Building and Loan Association of Jackson. — Photo by Bonnie Parham

On Location

...With James Phillips On French Island

Located at the junction of the Black River and the Mississippi, French Island is in the northern part of La Crosse, Wisconsin. With its population expected soon to reach 10,000, this island has only two churches. One of these is Island Park Baptist Church, whose pastor is James W. Phillips.

James Phillips, a native of Wisconsin, grew up with little religious training. At seventeen, he quit high school to join the army. "I planned on making the army my life, but after five and one-half years I didn't want to stay in and was discharged. I worked at many different jobs in several states until I went to California. There, a man I worked with began to ask me if I knew about Jesus Christ. I wasn't really interested and told him so. But about six months later I was converted at midnight. The next Sunday, May 30, 1954, I joined a Southern Baptist church."

He was baptized on June 13 and started to school preparing for the ministry the next day. During his second year at California Baptist College, he met his future wife Phyllis. And during his last year there he started the First Baptist Church of Cucamonga, California. Then, while studying at Midwestern Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri, he started a mission in Ames, Iowa, 250 miles away.

Meanwhile, in 1962, Southern Baptist families who had moved to La Crosse, Wisconsin, were meeting together for worship. By 1964 the group had grown to six families. They called James Phillips to lead them and organized into the Island Park Baptist Church. It is the only Southern Baptist church within a five-county area, and some members drive long distances to attend services.

Soon a local land developer gave the church an acre of land—practically a "first" in this area. Here they built a parsonage with a basement which they used temporarily for services.

In 1965 they started a church building beside the parsonage. Although several people outside the church donated materials and labor, the members did most of the construction themselves. After ten months the two-story building was dedicated on May 15, 1966. Frank Burress, Superintendent of Missions in Wisconsin, calls it "one of the prettiest Southern Baptist churches in Minnesota and Wisconsin."

Since the building's completion, the church has consistently had visitors, few of whom had ever attended an evangelical service or seen a baptism by immersion. The newspaper announcement of the church's dedication described in detail this style of baptism and the baptistry.

Phillips says, "I have never before had the opportunity to preach to and work with so many lost people. The work is very slow; it takes more than a year of working with one family to win them. But the Lord has blessed us with quite a few local families."

Frank Burress points out that your mission gifts help to support this strategic work on French Island, especially through mission pastor aid. He says, "The Lord has opened the

hearts of the islanders, and they have seen the sincerity of the little struggling Baptist group. No one knows what the final results will be of Southern Baptists' investment of Co-operative Program funds into La Crosse, Wisconsin."

WINDERS IS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF STATE STUDENT DIRECTORS

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (BP)—Ralph Winders, secretary of student work for the Mississippi Baptist Convention, was elected president of the Southern Baptist State Student Directors' Association in its annual meeting here. Winders succeeds W. F. Howard, director of the division of student work for the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Dallas. New secretary of the group is John Appleton, student secretary for the Alabama Baptist Convention.

Inter-Agency Council Elects Graves Leader

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Inter-Agency Council of the Southern Baptist Convention, comprised of top executives from all SBC agencies, devoted a one-day session here to routine coordination of the convention agencies' work, revision of the council's bylaws and constitution, and reports from its major committees.

The council elected Harold Graves, president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., as its chairman, and Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, as vice chairman. J. M. Crowe of the SBC Sunday School Board here was re-elected secretary.

Two major reports were adopted by the council, both on recommendation from its coordinating committee headed by Davis Woolley, executive secretary of the SBC Historical Commission.

Fifty Witnessing

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various other ways in addition to singing in the choir at night.

Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, director of evangelism for the Convention Board, said that most of the preachers needed for the Crusade have been enlisted but that a few are still needed.

Those interested have been asked to contact his office.

Mississippi Baptist men have conducted crusades to Ohio the past three years, with excellent results, according to Mr. Hughes.

Twenty-nine men went in 1966, 50 made the trip in 1967 and 37 were present in 1968.

Other state conventions are assisting in the Crusade to Ohio this year. Kentucky is assisting in Toledo, Florida in Cleveland, with other states helping in still other areas.

Dress A Child At Easter



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- By gifts of cash:
\$15.00 will dress a child of less than 10 years
\$25.00 will dress a child, 10-14 years
\$35.00 will dress a child of high school age
\$45.00 will dress a college youth

- By gifts of new clothing:
Write or telephone the Village—We will send a size sheet
Sew or shop for the child assigned
Mail or deliver the parcel to the Village.

NOTE:

- Cash sponsorship is suggested for boys because of fitting problems.
- Greatest need is in ages 12-18 years.

Without the cash gifts of sponsor friends at Easter, we could not supply our clothing needs throughout the year, for this campaign underwrites our clothing budget. Without the new clothing gifts of sponsor friends at Easter, we could not dress our children for church attendance—spring and summer.

For further information, write or call:

The Baptist Children's Village
P.O. Box 11308, Delta Station
Jackson, Mississippi 39213
Telephone No. 922-2242



Zion Church (Pontotoc) Burns Note

Zion Church (Pontotoc County) re-Committee; Mrs. Effie Staten, Billy cently burned a note on the central R. Ray, Mrs. Allen Monts, Wayne heating and air conditioning installed. Mrs. Edward Little, Bibbo last spring. Left to right are: Mrs. Cox, Norbin Jones, and the pastor, bers of the Buildings and Grounds. Truman D. Scarborough.

A Million Witnesses

Southern Baptists should have not less than one million active witnesses for Christ in these days of the Crusade of the Americas.

Of course, we actually should have eleven million, since every Southern Baptist should be a witness. However, we try to be realistic, and recognize that large numbers of Southern Baptists are going to do nothing as far as personal work and witness is concerned.

But surely we can have at least one million. We have almost that many deacons, or Sunday school, Training Union, WMU and Brotherhood leaders. Out of all of them there must be at least one million... just one out of every eleven Southern Baptists... who will dedicate themselves now to personal witness for our Lord. That ratio would mean more than 50,000 active witnesses in Mississippi.

This is the only way that we are going to reach the masses with the message of salvation in Jesus Christ. There are not enough preachers to contact every home. Services in the churches are not going to reach them, for most of the unreached never will darken the door of a church on their own accord. Revivals will not reach most of them, although revivals are very important and will reach some, but most of these unreached will not come, even to a revival. Radio and television preaching will reach some, but not most of the unreached, for they will turn to some other program, or simply turn their sets off. These facts do not mean that we must not do all of the things we are doing, for we must, but they simply mean that we must add something else... and that something else is PERSONAL WITNESS.

Think of what ONE MILLION Southern Baptists making even one visit per month for Christ, would do in Christian witness to America. This would be TWELVE MILLION contacts per

year. And if it could be stepped up to ONE PER WEEK, that would be 50 million per year. And such contacts, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, would mean millions of people responding with at least a visit to the churches, the hearing of the gospel, etc.

The Crusade of the Americas is far more than a mere spring or summer revival. The purpose of those who conceived it and planned it, is that it will lead to a resurgence of spiritual interest, and Christian witness. If that happens, it can be the greatest spiritual event ever to occur in America. If we fail to see this, and we plan for nothing more than some spring revivals, the real purpose of the Crusade will fail.

The Americas never will be reached with Christian witness, unless we get Southern Baptists out of the churches and into the streets. Let them stay in their churches until revival comes into their own souls, and then let them get out into the streets, knocking on doors, visiting people, with the message of the love of God, and redemption in Christ.

It is true that most of our people have not been trained to show people how to be saved, but they can give a testimony of their own experience with Christ, and they can influence many people to begin attending services at the church, where they will hear the message of salvation, and where they can have opportunity to know the pastor and other soul winners, and can be shown how to be saved.

Jesus said "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in." This is the need now. We need at least ONE MILLION Southern Baptists who will begin to do this now. We need at least FIFTY THOUSAND Mississippi Baptists who will begin to go. Such a movement could start a revival such as we never have seen before. God let it begin in this Crusade of the Americas!

To Whom Do They Belong?

Some very critical questions now are being raised concerning our Southern Baptist educational institutions, especially the colleges which are owned and supported by the state conventions. However, the same problems could arise concerning the seminaries which are owned by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Among the questions being raised are these: Who owns these institutions? Do the bodies which own and support them have the right to control them? Do trustees have full authority for making decisions concerning the institutions, without regard to official actions of the convention which is supposed to own them? Even if there actually is no legal responsibility, do not the trustees have a moral obligation to fulfill the expressed desires of the bodies which elected them?

These issues have been raised by the action of Georgetown College (Ky.) trustees lifting a ban on dancing on the campus, and the more recent action of Mercer University (Ga.) trustees decision to accept federal funds, despite three votes by the state convention clearly instructing them not to do it. Does this indicate a trend of thinking that trustees need no longer give consideration to the desires of the convention in whose name the institutions are held?

Of course, one would have to consider the charters of each of the institutions to know its exact relation to the convention. However, it seems clear that the conventions which started these institutions, or acquired them and have given support to them, have meant that they be under the control of the conventions. Moreover, we would expect that most of those persons who have made gifts through the years to strengthen and sustain the institutions have done so with the un-

derstanding that they were to be Baptist institutions under the control of the conventions. Because of this we believe that most Baptists feel that these institutions are under the control of the convention and that the convention has the right to lay down the principles of control. While boards of trustees do have the responsibility for managing the affairs of the institutions, they also have a moral obligation, if not a legal one, to carry out the will of the supporting bodies. It is our opinion that Mercer University trustees and administration, have made a serious mistake in refusing to obey the positive action of the state convention.

Of course, there may be a desire on the part of the trustees and administration of Mercer that the convention cut off its relationships to the institution, so that it can go its own way as an independent institution. And, that may be what Georgia Baptists will want to do. However, it seems to us that there ought to be some way for a convention to continue to hold its institutions, and to CONTROL them, if it so desires. If not, then, of course the only thing the convention can do is to forget the institution, and give its attention and support to those institutions whose trustees do seek to carry out its will.

We sincerely hope that these actions do not indicate a trend, for we would hate to see Baptist institutions come to a place where they can reject the will of the majority of supporting constituents, and do as they please while still expecting support from the conventions. If that day ever comes in Mississippi, we hope that Mississippi Baptists simply will turn the institutions loose, and use their money for other things.

"QUOTABLES"

Selected by the editor from contemporary thought and opinion

Getting mad will never get you anything else.

You are never defeated unless you defeat yourself.

Love is the only orthodoxy of heaven.

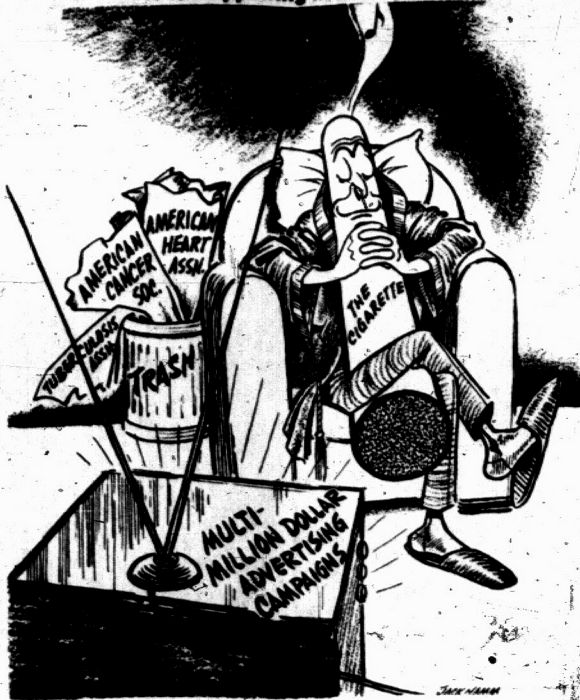
God gives His very best to those who leave the choice with Him.

Some came to save the Lost, and the Least.

A man's tongue is always long enough to cut his throat.

It is definitely settled that a thing can't be done, watch someone do it.

It Is Happening in America!



NEWEST BOOKS

THE WORD COMES ALIVE by Wayne E. Ward (Broadman, 112 pp., \$2.95)

Why do some people today think of the Bible as a dead, lifeless book? Dr. Ward, professor of Christian theology at Southern Seminary, shows how everyone who teaches the Bible can set it forth as God's living Word. This is not just another book on how to interpret the Bible. It shows how Christian devotion to the Bible as God's Word must be supplemented by common sense and careful work. The author describes five different ways to interpret the Bible. For each, he presents a vivid illustration that interprets one passage. Chapter titles are "You Are There," "Following the Pattern," "Developing the Theme," "Applying the Principle," and "Finding the Key."

RELEVANCE by Richard C. Halverson (Word, 102 pp., \$2.95)

Is Christianity relevant to the twentieth century? This preacher, writer, says that it is. He shows that its relevance cannot be measured by some of the standards of men who demand that Christ come to their level, but by an understanding of what Christ actually came to do... to solve the problem of sin, and thus to solve the very problem that creates the world's problems. A challenging answer to those who cry that Christianity is not relevant.

SIMPLE SERMONS ON PROPHECY by W. Herschel Ford (Zondervan, 122 pp., \$2.95)

Dr. Herschel Ford, prolific Southern Baptist sermonizer, presents another volume in his popular series. These are sermons on prophecy, dealing with such subjects as giving heed to prophecy, the Second Coming of Christ, with sermons on numerous matters related to it, the judgment, etc. Clear outlining, wide use of apt illustrations, and solid Bible based discussion, make these volumes helpful to preachers and lay readers alike.

CENSORSHIP, OBSCENITY AND SEX by Aldred P. Klausner (Concordia, 101 pp., paper, \$1.25)

The author deals with the problems the Christian faces as he faces the efforts to effect censorship on obscenity and sex in literature, movies, etc. He shows that the problem is very complex, and that there is no simple solution, without raising serious problems on freedom. What can the Christian do about our sex satiated society? The author seeks a Christian answer.

THE SECRET SAYINGS OF THE LIVING JESUS by Ray Summers (Word, 159 pp., \$5.95)

A few years ago scrolls at Nag Hammadi in Egypt which contained a Fourth Century manuscript entitled The Gospel According to Thomas. It contains 114 sayings attributed to Jesus. Dr. Summers, who heads the department of religion at Baylor, here presents a careful and enlightening study of this manuscript, and evaluates its meaning to Christians in their belief in the Bible and knowledge of Christ. He shows how that some of the "sayings" are parallel to those in the gospel, while others are not. Some of the sayings are found in early Christian writings, but others are not. The entire text is given in this volume, and Dr. Summers evaluates it and analyzes it in the light of Christian Biblical doctrine.

THE LEARNING CHOIR by Ellen Jane Lorenz (Abingdon, 96 pp., paper, \$2.95)

Basic helps for choir improvement. Includes twenty lessons in choral singing, nineteen specially arranged anthems, and three choral responses.

THE SAVIOUR'S SEVEN STATEMENTS FROM THE CROSS by Robert G. Lee (Zondervan, 146 pp., \$3.50)

Under Dr. R. G. Lee's gifted and penetrating pen, the personalities around the cross come to a new and vigorous reality. The retired pastor and former SBC president, with his usual eloquence and perception, devotes one message to each of Christ's seven statements from the cross.

THE LENTEN SOURCEBOOK by Herbert Lockyer (Zondervan, 92 pp., \$4.95)

In this broadly conceived sourcebook the author includes sermon outlines, topics, and texts, music, "parables," illustrations, programs, plays, prayers, and poems, all concerning the Easter season.

INTRIGUE IN SANTO DOMINGO by James Hefley (Word Books, 184 pp., \$3.95)

Howard Shoemaker, Baptist missionary, is the most influential foreigner in the Dominican Republic, said a diplomat in the heat of the Dominican revolution. James Hefley, author, went to the Dominican Republic to find out how a Baptist missionary achieved such a position of influence. He learned that against a backdrop of intrigue, revolution, and counter-revolution, Howard and Dorothy Dell Shoemaker have lived a life of service and love. Medical work, amateur radio, downtown church, civil defense, community welfare, school board—wherever there is a need, they are involved and do what they can. Mr. Hefley presents here one of the most thrilling missionary dramas of modern times.

HEBREWS: THE EPISTLE OF WARNING by John Owen (Kregel Publications, 283 pp., \$3.95)

John Owen was an illustrious preacher and writer of 17th century Britain. Among the 28 volumes he produced, Hebrews was the first, most extensive and valuable of his writings. (This new book is an abridgment of the original work.)

EDUCATION

WHAT'S HAPPENING
THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, SBC

I am convinced that we need at all levels of the educational system a renewal of liberal education.

The absence of form, of structure, of systematic inquiry and methodology—from the teaching of reading in the first grade to the teaching of the social sciences in college—may be a factor contributing to the current disorganization and disorientation of youth. May not this disorganization also stem from the fact that to an increasing degree we are losing that shared tradition and body of knowledge, formerly supplied by the liberal arts, which once served as a common and unifying bond?

Santayana once said that it doesn't matter what books we read; the important thing is that we all read the same books. That is what makes a culture and a civilization. There is little in our lives today that strikes universal recognition unless it be such a manic chant from the McLuhanesque world of TV as "sock it to me, sock it to me, sock it to me." Very few would count this as an adequate rallying cry for a new civilization.

Irvin S. Cobb said that the trouble with the younger generation is that it hasn't read the minutes of the last meeting. Perhaps the trouble with the older generation is that it doesn't believe in any minutes that all students should read.—Mortimer Smith, Executive Director, The Council for Basic Education.



Quiet Talks ON RELIGION IN LIFE

CHESTER E. SWOR

"One Finger For The Lord"

The intriguing title, "One Finger For The Lord," headed a brief article in GUIDEPOSTS (June, 1967 issue). The episode reported by Rev. Perry Tanksley of Inverness, Miss., tells of a noted surgeon who was attending a Sunday morning service in a one-room church in a national park while on vacation.

The presiding minister found that it was necessary to call on a volunteer to play the piano. The teen-age daughter of the surgeon "volunteered" the services of her father, who, in evident embarrassment, went to the piano and played accompaniments for the hymns—with one finger! Evidently, he could read and play only the melody note; but in the spirit of Peter in Acts 3:6, "Such as I have, give I thee," he gave what he could, and the need was filled.

Rev. Tanksley, the author of the GUIDEPOSTS article, telling of the surgeon's inspiring example, made this observation: "What conviction must have grasped the hearts of some of the worshipers who at times had excused themselves from the work of the church, saying, 'Somebody else can do it better than I.' What a blessing comes to me each time I remember how this skilled doctor had offered to us without shame or apology the one god-given musical talent that he possessed, making no excuse that he had not more to offer... He had given in full measure what God had given him. That's all that God ex-

pects... And we should expect no less—and no more."

Don't Stop Reading!

Even a casual application of the example of the surgeon will suggest at least these personal reminders:

1. The brilliant and gifted among us should not let vanity or false pride prevent their responding to calls for help in their churches—even if, in the area of need at hand, their chief abilities are not called for. The dedicated limited ability beats unavailable ability any day!

2. The ones among us of limited ability need to remember, too, that they should not let fear keep them from accepting responsibilities which need their help. Remember that Peter and John didn't have what the beggar at the temple gate asked for, but they did offer what they had—the gift of healing, and what they did give turned out to be far better for the lame man than the silver and gold which he had sought.

ONE FINGER FOR THE LORD! It is your writer's hope that the true-life experience of a noted surgeon will smite many of us with shame... and bring better stewardship to God of the talents which he gave us.

(Rev. Perry Tanksley's article reprinted by permission from GUIDEPOSTS MAGAZINE, Copyright 1967, Guidesposts Associates, Inc., Carmel, New York.)

(Published by special arrangement with Dr. Swor.)

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Seeks Material For Book On Drunken Driving

To the Editor:

I have been asked by Broadman Press to write a book on the subject of growing concern—the drinking and drunken driver. To my knowledge, a book has not been written on this problem. The title will be "Whisky at the Wheel." Publication date is January 1, 1970.

Leaders at the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville where the book will be printed feel that the liquor industry is most vulnerable at this point. The National Safety Council and the U. S. Department of Transportation support this conclusion with the gruesome statistic that at least half of all highway fatalities (55,000 in 1968) are alcohol-related. Some states believe that this figure is too conservative.

In the hope that this book will be as strong and convincing as possible, I would appreciate you and your readers sending me material, information, clippings, etc., that might be appropriate for such a book. Especially would I like accounts of personal experiences that your readers have had. Names could be included or withheld, depending on the readers' preference.

I am particularly anxious to know what is being done in your state to reduce this terrible loss of human life. It may be that your state has used some unusual approach very effectively. If so, I certainly would like to get details.

I will be indebted to you if you will give your readers an opportunity to become a part of this project. I am hopeful they will respond in a manner that will give the book more impact. The challenge is to shock drinkers and non-drinkers alike out of their apathy toward this national problem. Mail will reach me at the address below. Thank you so much for your help.

Marse Grant, Editor
Baptist Record
Raleigh, N. C. 27603

Calendar Of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

March 17 — C. B. Greene, Clarke College faculty; Mary Farrell Kee, Clarke College faculty.

March 18 — Louie Farmer, Baptist student director, University of Southern Mississippi; Doris Bryant, faculty, Gilfoy School of Nursing.

March 19 — F. D. Hewitt, Jr., staff, Mississippi College; Tennie Glee Jones, staff, Children's Village.

March 20 — Joel D. Ray, supt. of missions, Lebanon Association and member of faculty, Carey College; W. H. Anderson, Lee County supt. of missions.

March 21 — Walter Logan, Mrs. Margaret Cowart, Mrs. Nell Cotton, Carey Cox, Baptist Building employees.

March 22 — J. D. Sims, staff, Wm. Carey College; E. Harold Fisher, president, Blue Mountain College.

March 23 — Gwendolyn Yarbrough, Baptist Book Store; Cameron Dean, trustee, Baptist Memorial Hospital.

Approves Parkway Church Action

Dear Dr. Odle:

Thank you very kindly for printing in full, the recent action of the Parkway Church, Natchez, in the recent issue of the Baptist Record. We need more churches and pastors to take the like stand. Some two years ago, an evangelist, with our Baptist Home Mission Board, wrote an article, wondering why Southern Baptists baptized fewer individuals, that year than we did the year before. The answer is that the said evangelist, along with some others and the pastor in Woodsfield, Ohio, have their minds all warped about other things than evangelism, soul-winning and Christian character building, which we need so badly. The scripture referred to, concerning the Pharisee and publican, by the pastor in Woodsfield, Ohio, does not apply to the action of the Parkway Church. The usage of the above referred scripture, as it is used, is a perversion of that scripture and that pastor's argument is just about as clear as mud. All of us should get into the Crusade of the Americas with our prayers, efforts, and souls.

Sincerely yours,
E. D. Estes,
Retired Baptist Minister

"A Letter From Home"

Dear Sir:

It is a pleasure to receive the Baptist Record. As mother says, "It's like a letter from home." I was especially glad to have news of Chester Swor and his address.

A copy of Best Loved Poems gave the author of a poem published in your February 13 edition. Louise Imogene Guiney wrote "Out In The Fields."

Sara Lowrey
23 West Hillcrest Drive
Greenville, South Carolina

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Motels' Worship Services Designed To Reach More Traveling Families

EDITOR'S NOTE: Recently the editor of the Illinois Baptist, Robert Hastings, called editorially for Baptist churches in Illinois to respond to the idea of conducting worship services at hotels and motels for traveling families. Here is Hastings' report on how Holiday Inns of America are trying to do something in this area.

By Robert J. Hastings
MEMPHIS (BP) — While on vacation a few summers ago, the W. A. Nance family of Memphis stopped in transit for Sunday morning worship services at a church. To do so, they had to stop in a small town well in advance of 11:00 a.m.
They took the children to a less-than-spotless service station to change. By the time they had changed clothes again after the service, almost a half-day of travel time had been lost.

The Nance family is unusual. Most families do not take time to seek a church for worship when they travel. But as a father and as a minister, Nance had mixed feelings. He felt his family should be in church; yet he fretted at the inconvenience and delay.

Today, W. A. Nance is chaplain of Holiday Inns of America, and he is trying to do something about both. This spring he is spearheading a drive for Sunday morning worship services in more than 1,040 Holiday Inns in over 700 cities in 48 states, Canada, the Caribbean, and Europe.

His first step was to survey vacationing families, tourists and businessmen. The opinion takers found that Protestants seldom ask directions to a local church, though Catholic and Jewish guests at Holiday Inns often do.

Why? Nance cites two reasons: First, the traditional 11 o'clock worship hour comes right in the middle of a traveling day. Second, families hesitate to attend a strange church wearing casual clothing designed for travel.

As a result, they are passing up worship services in droves as they hit the highway for vacation and business.

Hence Nance began the effort to encourage Holiday Inns to offer their facilities for worship services conducted by local churchmen for the benefit of travelers.

"We are not trying to compete with the churches," Nance was quick to point out during an interview at his Memphis office. "In fact, we're making sure that churches in the immediate neighborhood are named in our lobby directories. We won't even pub-

licize our services to local residents."

Here is how the plan works:

(1) Each Holiday Inn will furnish a meeting room, piano, and lectern. Worship service leaders will be local ministers, on a rotating basis.

(2) Each Innkeeper will encourage his employees to attend, as well as inviting Saturday night motel guests.

(3) On Saturdays, the maids will place advertising pieces in each room, telling of the services. Posters will be displayed in the lobby.

(4) A worship kit will be available, including two white tablecloths to cover a banquet table and the lectern, and (for ministers who desire to use them) a 24-inch gold cross and two electric candles. Certificates of attendance will be available for children.

(5) A 30-minute service is suggested, sometime between 7:30 and 9:30,

consisting of two hymns, prayer, children's story, and sermon. (No announcements, no offering, no denominational emphasis.)

As a bonus, the officiating minister and his wife will be guests for Sunday dinner at the Inn.

"We are hoping local ministerial associations will take the initiative," Nance said.

"But frankly, Baptists have shown more interest than any others. Where the local ministerial group is apathetic, a single pastor can take the initiative in contacting one of our Innkeepers," he added.

Nance seemed to keep repeating the word "apathy" during the interview.

"We don't expect people to run over themselves to attend," he admitted. "Frankly, the chief obstacle is plain old apathy."

As examples, he cited the local minister who feels he already has too much to do on Sunday without preaching in a motel; and the local Innkeeper, who merely announces the services but fails to attend them enthusiastically himself; and the traveling public, who may find it easier to turn over for another 30 minutes of sleep or hit the road a half-hour earlier.

Nance said he got a letter recently from a minister strongly critical of the services, saying they would destroy the churches.

In reply, Nance used a scripture from John 4, the conversation of Jesus with the woman at the well. She seemed greatly concerned about the proper place for worship, but Jesus underscored that God is a spirit, and that the attitude of the worshiper is more important than the place where he worships.



CLIFT BRANNON presents to Dr. Criswell the one millionth copy of Soul Winner's New Testament.

Soul-winner's New Testament

Millionth Copy Presented To Dr. W. A. Criswell

A new milestone in distribution of the Soul Winner's New Testament has been reached with the recent presentation of the millionth copy to Dr. W. A. Criswell, president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Criswell, who is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, was given the historic millionth copy by Evangelist Clift Brannon who compiled and edited the notes in the book after many years of witness in evangelism and soul winning.

Commenting on the book, Dr. Criswell said "The Christian has but to follow the page numbers indicated in the text to explain fully and adequately the way to God and Heaven."

The Soul Winner's New Testament is a layman's book. It began as a New Testament marked with underscored passages on the plan of salvation, with instruction from one scripture to the next mentioned. It now is "a veritable mine of truth so usefully arranged," in the words of Dr. Robert G. Lee.

The Testament, already in distribution in many countries of the world has been in great demand in India where 46,000 copies have been delivered for use by students and other young people and 20,000 decisions for Christ have been reported following its usage.

The methods used in the Soul Winner's New Testament were begun by Evangelist Brannon in the early 1950's and were first put into mimeo-

graphed form for study and use in 1952 on the suggestion of Dr. Felix Gresham of the First Baptist Church of Stephenville, Texas.

Further use of the original helps led to publishing the first Soul Winner's New Testament in 1958. This first edition contained 14 references chosen from the suggestions of scores of Southern Baptist pastors. The scriptures chosen show not only how a person can be saved but thrusts upon the reader the necessity of immersion for every believer in Jesus Christ as Savior and the responsibility of active church membership.

Evangelist Brannon resides in Longview, Texas, with his wife, Ruth, who often works with him in campaigns in the states and abroad. Being a lawyer and former general counsel for R. G. LeTourneau, Inc., and its world-known industrial manufacturing plants, he has had wide business experience.

While serving as president of the Baptist Brotherhood of Texas in 1949, he says he first realized how inadequately prepared were Baptist laymen to win souls and began to do something to help by arranging verses and marking passages in the New Testament dealing with soul winning.

This attempt to help laymen led to the printing of instructions and helps under the verses so the inquirer (like the Eunuch in Acts 8:31, "How can I except some man should guide me?") can be given by an inexperienced layman the right words whereby he can be saved.

The new 1969 edition of the Soul Winner's New Testament, available only in Southern Baptist Book Stores, is produced by the National Bible Press for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.



TRAVELERS' WORSHIP SERVICE: A typical motel chain's chaplain, W. A. "Dub" Nance of Memphis.—(BP) Photo

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Hospital Trustees

Elect Hedgepeth

Jackson attorney Thomas Harvey Hedgepeth has been elected president of the board of trustees of Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson for the calendar year 1968.

Hedgepeth, who has a total of 20 years of service with the board, succeeds Zach Hederman, of Jackson, the only other recent member with 20 years service.

Other officers include Rev. Vernon May, pastor of First Church, Louisville, vice-president; Marvin Collum, Jackson, secretary-treasurer; and J. W. Underwood, Jackson, chairman of the executive board.

Other members include Rev. Wayne Coleman, Oxford; Rev. Jasper E. West, Belmont; W. R. McQueen, Jackson; C. A. Roper, Sr., Hazlehurst; E. O. Spencer, Jackson; and five new members, including Paul Moak, Jackson; Dr. G. Swink Hicks, Natchez; Sidney Davis, Mendenhall; John Yarborough, Pickens; and H. B. Duckworth, Jackson.

Nixon Confirms Rumor Possible Vatican Envoy

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"there is a growing mutual spirit of respect and goodwill among the various religious bodies in the United States today." It further said that "American representative to the Vatican would not aid our progress away from rivalry and fear."

A number of views have been advanced as to why President Nixon would consider representation to the Vatican. The prime reason being advanced is that he must believe that this arrangement would hasten the end of the Vietnam war and could contribute to stability in the Mid-East.

One Washington correspondent has written that the President "could represent the designation of a Vatican envoy as another example of ecumenism and get away with it despite whatever storm might be stirred by aroused Protestants." This might be true, the correspondent wrote, in view of the intense evangelical tone of the Inauguration and the close association of the White House with Norman Vincent Peale and Evangelist Billy Graham.

Yet another reason has been advanced. It goes like this. The President is running for re-election in 1972. He feels that he has already lost what support he had in the South and that he must find ways to build support in the large cities. Catholics are strong in these centers and he might win their support by establishing close ties with the Vatican.

The old arguments for the U. S. representation at the Vatican were along two lines: (1) it would be to a state rather than to a religion, and (2) it would open new sources of information and influence to American government.

To these old arguments a new one has been added: that progress in ecumenism has made such a relationship acceptable and even desirable. This is an argument that most Protestants and many Catholics would deny.

President Nixon said that he had not yet decided whether existing channels of communication between the U. S. and the Vatican are adequate. This means that he is still keeping his

options open and that his decisions may yet depend on public reaction in the United States.

Revival Said To Be --

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who have made commitments to full-time Christian service.

The pastor said that evangelism is the heart-beat of the church's entire program. Each of the 36 deacons is an active soul-winner, and serves as spiritual ministers to the congregation. Business details are administered by church committees, not the deacons.

Rogers also emphasized that the intelligent and highly-trained people of the space center still respond to the authoritative preaching of the Bible, stating that "Bible-centered teaching and preaching joined with Spirit-filled laymen can bring revival anywhere."

It is urged that this session's commencement speakers refrain from frightening the graduates by telling them the world is theirs.—Grit

The nation that has the schools has the future. — Bismarck

Southern Baptist Hour Telecast

'Art And The Bible' To Present TV Visit To National Gallery

A visit to the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C., which will enable viewers to see how the great masters presented religion and Biblical themes in master paintings, will be made on "Art and the Bible" Sunday, March 30 (2-2:30 p.m. NYT, in color), on the NBC Television Network's "The Southern Baptist Hour."

NBC News correspondent Aline Saarinen, a leading art critic, will serve as the program's guide to the National Gallery. She will begin by explaining that many of the gallery's masterpieces, which "give us new awareness and new insights into the

familiar stories of the Bible," were donated by three men: Andrew Mellon, Samuel H. Kress and Joseph Widener.

"Art and the Bible" will take a look at some of the Biblical stories told by the Old Master paintings, which were originally commissioned to "teach the illiterate and to inspire the learned — and to deepen faith."

Mrs. Saarinen will point out the marked change from artist to artist and from period to period. She will stress the point that "an artist always speaks personally — out of his own vision and his own response —

but he also, inevitably, reflects the thinking and feeling of his age."

The half-hour program will conclude with Mrs. Saarinen's following remarks: "The paintings that we have been looking at in this National Gallery are profoundly human expressions of even more profound spiritual experiences."

"They are the testimonies of creative men, each one painting out of his own personal conviction and emotion, saying with intensity by his means what he saw — and felt — and at least partially understood about these great Biblical stories."

"The Southern Baptist Hour" is produced by the Television Religious Unit of NBC News in association with the Southern Baptist Convention's Radio and Television Commission. Doris Ann is producer, Joseph Vadala is director and photographer, John Teeple is film editor, and Aline Saarinen wrote the script. Music is performed by the National Gallery Strings under the direction of Richard Bales.

Executive Director for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission is Dr. Paul M. Stevens, and their consultant is Truett Myers.



"The Sons Of Jubal" To Sing In Portuguese

THE SONS OF JUBAL, Georgia ministers of music led by Paul McCommon (seated), are preparing for a series of concerts and evangelistic programs in South America as part of the Crusade of the Americas in June. Selections will be sung in Portuguese, as translated and adapted by Evio de Oliveira (left), minister of music at Eastside Baptist Church in Marietta, Ga., who explains pronunciation to Dayle Grose, minister of music at Peachtree church in Atlanta and president of the Georgia Baptist Church Music Conference, and other Sons of Jubal. The group currently is presenting a series of concerts across the state of Georgia to finance their participation in the tour. Both Mr. de Oliveira and Mr. Grose are former ministers of music of churches in Mississippi.

If the church were perfect, you could not belong.

One moment of folly can mean a lifetime of regret.

Home Missions Gifts 1968, Jump About 15%

ATLANTA (BP)—Southern Baptists' Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions in 1968 increased 15 percent over a perplexing lag in 1967, hopefully creating enough momentum to reach 1969's \$64 million goal, Board officials said here.

Total collections of \$4,682,555 revealed an increase for all areas, except two — Colorado and Oregon — Washington, according to Arthur B. Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer of the denomination's Home Mission Board here.

Rutledge said the 1968 figure shows a specific increase over 1967 of \$564,085 — the largest dollar increase in the offering's history.

He explained that Colorado had re-

Lay Leaders Plan Mission Tour Of Europe

About 15 touring Southern Baptist lay leaders will emphasize Christian witnessing during a mission tour of Europe and the Holy Land April 22-May 12.

The tour members will visit, give personal testimonies, and speak at churches and before other groups, said L. E. Coleman Sr., tour director and special projects consultant for the Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn.

The tour will take the layman and their wives from New York to London, Amsterdam, Wiesbaden, Frankfurt, Zurich, Munich, Athens, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Rome, Paris, and back to New York.

Each person will pay his own expenses. Cost of the tour is \$1,100 per person. More information is available from Tours, Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar, Memphis, Tenn., 38104. The tour is sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission, in cooperation with the Foreign Mission Board.

ported contributions from Wyoming, Montana, North and South Dakota up until 1968 when these states formed the Northern Plains Convention. Therefore, the decreased in Colorado's reported figure is accounted for in the \$7,630 reported separately from the new Northern Plains Convention.

Rutledge attributed the increase mainly to three factors:

A renewed realization that the annual offering provides almost half the financial support of the denomination's major homeland missions efforts; promotion of establishing 500 new churches (Project 500); and also promotion of the international Crusade of the Americas now in full swing.

He said he really could not even theorize what might have caused the 1967 lag, and indicated that the 1969 goal will be difficult to reach because the goal was set in long-range planning on the assumption that the 1967 and 1968 goals would be met.

The larger goals were undertaken as a part of the observance of the 1968-69 convention-wide emphasis on evangelism and world missions, Rutledge explained.

"While this year's goal is unusually high, we hope for another sizable increase," Rutledge said.

In 1968 the first \$4,850,000 is earmarked for support of the outlined Home Mission Board programs as well as special missions projects.

Of the remaining \$2 million, \$1 1/2 million is earmarked for Project 500 and \$150,000 to assist in providing critically needed Christian social ministries not otherwise provided for in the budget.

At Southwestern

"Awareness Of Ministry" To Be Theme Of Pastors' Conference

FORT WORTH — "Awareness for Ministry" is to be the theme for the thirteenth annual Pastors' Conference at Southwestern June 23-27, according to Thomas Urrey, associate professor of New Testament and faculty chairman for the conference.

Gordon Clinard, pastor of First Baptist Church, San Angelo, Tex., and former professor of preaching at the seminary will be the featured speaker for the week.

John Newport, professor of philosophy of religion, will join Dr. Clinard in conducting several worship demonstrations.

New Testament Professor Huber Drumwright will direct a study of the Epistle of James which is the January 1970 Bible Study book.

Specialized conference will be conducted during the week centered around the general theme and expanding into areas such as the chaplaincy, the suburban church, the college campus and others. Special emphasis at night will deal with culture, communication and counseling.

Pastors, church staff members, chaplains, Bible teachers, student leaders and others are invited to participate in the week's activities.

For details write to the Public Relations Office, P. O. Box 22000-SE Fort Worth, Tex., 76122.

Moves To Yazoo City

Rev. Max Jones (pictured) recently assumed his duties as pastor of Calvary Church, Yazoo City. He goes to Calvary from Highland Church in Crystal Springs where he was pastor for over three years.



During his ministry at Highland, there were over 200 additions to the church, 100-by baptism. In his last year at Highland the church led Copiah Association in number of baptisms and was 35th in the state.

Gifts to missions through the Cooperative Program rose to 20% of the church income with additional missions gifts to other sources.

The sanctuary and recreation Hall were completely redecorated and carpets installed. Also a large den, double carport, and two utility rooms were added to the parsonage.

Liberty Deacon Dies

Elmer A. Minks, deacon at Liberty Church since August 4, 1964, died on January 26 of this year.

The church has adopted a resolution in tribute to the life he lived. In part, the document states, that Mr. Minks was "one who was faithful in service and strong in the faith, always giving generously of time and talent as he witnessed to others in a true spirit of Christian love" and that "his devotion to duty and concern for others was demonstrated as a faithful and useful member of the Liberty Church."



JUDSON singers Nevalyn Price, Ellisville, and Darlene Minsloff, Meridian.

Ellisville Musician "Comes Home" With Judson College Choir

A Mississippian really "felt at home" March 7 when the Judson College Choir from Marion, Ala., appeared at First Church, Ellisville.

Nevalyn Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Price, is among the 30 young women currently on the three-state spring tour with the singing group.

A former member of the South Jones High School Band and of the Ellisville High School Glee Club, she has played some musical instrument since she was five. Now song leader for her senior class, she gave her first solo in church at six and for radio at seven. For television she sang "Yankee Doodle Dandy" at seven from beneath a Shirley Temple top-knot of curls, and dressed in her brother's costume.

Cattle "Airlifted" To Baptist Farm

A shipment of registered livestock valued at \$14,800, flown from the United States to Ecuador in December, is helping a Southern Baptist agricultural missionary, Rev. Samuel L. Simpson, demonstrate modern techniques of livestock care.

An Andes Airline DC-4 carried 36 animals, donated by members of U. S. churches, from Miami, Fla., to Guayaquil. Two trucks were waiting to transport the horses, pigs, and cows to their stalls in newly constructed barns at Centro Agricola Bautista (Baptist Agricultural Center), near the small city of Chone in the province of Manabí.

Mr. Simpson, a former Mississippi Baptist pastor who holds a master's degree in agronomy from Mississippi State University, is developing a 75-acre tract purchased by the Foreign Mission Board into a demonstration-experimentation farm. More than 200 rural people live in the three-county area surrounding Chone (rhymes with "pony").

Since arriving in Ecuador in 1965, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson have been assisted by various individuals in the

area, and dressed in her brother's costume.

Nevalyn is accompanist for the Judson choir and pianist for Siloam Church, Marion, Ala. She also plays the clarinet, organ, guitar, ukelele, and autoharp.

Her mother teaches elementary school music in Ellisville. Her father is former music director at the First, Ellisville, and now a professor at Jones Junior College. A brother, Dr. Milburn Price, is on the Furman University faculty.

Nevalyn plans to work toward a master's degree in music and then teach after graduation from the Alabama Baptist woman's college.

States in obtaining some of the equipment and livestock needed for the farm. Donors of the December shipment included members of several denominations, and quite a few Mississippians.

FOOTBALL LINEBACKER TO SPEAK AT JASPER COUNTY CRUSADE RALLY

Dave Simmons, linebacker with the Dallas Cowboys, NFL, will present his testimony for Christ at the Crusade of the Americas Rally, sponsored by the Jasper County Baptist Association. This event, kicking off crusade revivals in the county, is slated for the Bay Springs High School auditorium, March 15, at 7 p. m.

"We are expecting the largest turnout for a religious event in the history of the county," stated Rev. D. D. Satterwhite of Bay Springs, chairman of the Rally committee. Others serving with him are: Paul Graham, Rev. J. W. Types, and Rev. James Shumate.

Dr. Bill Causey, pastor of Jackson's Parkway Church, will deliver the closing evangelistic challenge. Verne I. Taylor, minister of music and youth at First Church, Laurel, will lead the volunteer youth choir, present special music and lead the congregational singing.

Mr. Simmons, a graduate of Georgia Tech, was honorable mention All-American in 1963. That year he was named to three all-star teams and was the second round draft choice of

the St. Louis football Cardinals. In 1967, he was traded to the N. O. Saints in the expansion draft. He joined Dallas in 1968.

A student at New Orleans Seminary during the off-season, he was ordained to the ministry in 1967. He will serve as the director of a new Christian camp in Pearl River County, the King's Arrow. He has numerous invitations to preach and present his message for Christ.

Dr. Causey, a native of Greenville, is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary. In 1968 he received the honorary D.D. from Mississippi College.

He has been in a number of key denominational positions and is in wide demand as a preacher to churches, assemblies, and young people's groups. Prior to going to Parkway, he was pastor of Poplar Springs Drive Church in Meridian and pastored in Kentucky during seminary days.

Mr. Taylor is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and Southwest Seminary. He and his wife Charles, often sing as a team and they have made sacred recordings.

Sunday School

CHURCH BUILDING CONFERENCES

April 3 — Hattiesburg
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CONFERENCE DIRECTOR: Dennis E. Conniff, Jr., Church Building Consultant, Sunday School Department, Jackson

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For Reservations Write: W. T. Douglas, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Mississippi



Miss Evelyn Redd began her work as an office secretary in our department on March 2. A native of Lincoln County she served on the staff of First Brookhaven for one and one-half years, coming to staff of First, Jackson where she has served for twelve years as office receptionist. Miss Redd is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Redd of Brookhaven.

Training Union

Alcorn Schedules Operation Improvement

Operation Improvement actually will be four projects in one. First, the men faculty members will be in the churches of the association on Sunday, March 16 for the evening worship services, and all the faculty members will be in the churches for the Wednesday evening services on March 19. Second, there will be a two-night conference on March 17 and 18 at West Corinth Baptist Church for churches with Training Union enrollments over one hundred. Third, there will be a two-night conference on March 20 and 21 for churches with Training Union enrollments under one hundred. Fourth, there will be a seminar for pastors and Training Union directors on Tuesday, March 18.

Both of the two-night conferences will begin at 7:00 p. m. and conclude at 8:30 p. m. There will be conferences for everyone nine years of age and older, and provisions will be made for younger children.

One special feature of these two-night conferences is the section for those who work with Nursery, Beginner, or Primary age children in their churches. These conferences are not slanted to a particular church organization. Rather, they have been designed to help a person who works with one of these age groups in Sunday School, Training Union, or Sunbeams. A person who works with children in any organization in the church will benefit greatly from the operation improvement conferences for children's workers.

The faculty members for the two conferences are:

General Officers — Kermit King, Mississippi Training Union Department; Rev. J. C. Renfro, Madison County Association Missionary
Adults — Bill Latham, Mississippi

Training Union Department
Young People — R. Kenneth Miller, Mississippi Training Union Department
Intermediate Leadership — Norman Rodgers, Mississippi Training Union Department
Junior Leadership — Mrs. Versil Crenshaw, Approved Junior Worker, Tennessee Training Union Department
Primary Leadership — Miss Evelyn George, Mississippi Training Union Department
Miss Waudine Storey, Mississippi WMU Department
Beginner Leadership — Mrs. John Boyd, Walnut, Mississippi
Miss Evelyn George, Mississippi Training Union Department
Nursery Leadership — Mrs. Dennis Conniff, Approved Nursery Worker, Mississippi Training Union Department
Intermediate Boys and Girls — Miss Mary Allen, Tennessee Training Union Department
Junior Boys and Girls — Mrs. John Hammett, Approved Junior Worker, Tennessee Training Union Department

The fourth project in Operation Improvement, the seminar for pastors and Training Union directors on Tuesday, March 18, will begin at 10:00 a. m. and conclude at 3:30 p. m. The purpose of this seminar will be to give pastors and Training Union directors a working understanding of what each age group in their Training Unions is supposed to be doing. The emphasis of the seminar will be on (a) needs and characteristics of each age group; (b) materials for each age group and how they are supposed to be used; and (c) organizational patterns and leadership for each age group and how they should function.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON — LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM

The Authority Of Jesus, The Christ

By Clifton J. Allen
Mark 11:12

With this lesson, Jesus comes to Jerusalem: the final chapter of his earthly ministry begins. It was Passover time. Multitudes of people went to Jerusalem for the feast. Jesus was fully aware of the murderous hostility of the religious leaders toward him and of the crisis of his redemptive mission. Mark tells of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem riding on a colt, of the cursing of the fruitless fig tree, of the cleansing of the Temple, of the challenge of his authority by the priests and scribes, of the parable of Israel's rejection of God's Son, and of the questions by which Jesus' enemies tried to ensnare him and find grounds for capital charges against him.

The Lesson Explained
Jesus' Authority Exercised
It is necessary to review the incidents recorded in verses 1 to 25 as we consider Jesus' Authority. (1) Jesus rode into the city in fulfillment of a messianic prophecy in Zechariah (9:9). However much or little the crowd understood the nature of his claim, the people were caught up with messianic enthusiasm and shouted their praises as Jesus rode meekly into the city. (2) As Jesus went to the Temple the following morning, accompanied by his disciples, he pronounced a curse on a fig tree, full of leaves but without fruit. This must be understood as an acted parable. The tree symbolized a nation void of the understanding and faith to receive its Messiah. (3) The cleansing of the Temple was a demonstration of the authority of Jesus over the house of God. In this instance authority was exercised with righteous wrath. This was due, first, to the robbery and extortion carried on in the Temple precincts by money changers and those who sold pigeons for sacrifices. It was due, in the next place, to turning the part of the Temple into which Gentiles could go so completely over to commerce that the Gentiles were crowded out.

Jesus' Authority Challenged
11:27-33
Returning again to Jerusalem in the early morning, Jesus was walking in the Temple. The chief priests and scribes and elders had been smarting under the rebuke involved in his driving the trader from the Temple, partly because they felt themselves to be the custodians of the Temple and partly because the Sanhedrin profited from the iniquitous exploitation by the traders. The religious leaders had no real interest in learning about the authority of Jesus as a basis for faith. He asked them about the baptism of John, whether it was from heaven or of men. They were not willing to admit that John was truly a prophet from God, because that would have obligated them to accept John's testimony that Jesus was the

Messiah from heaven. They were afraid to say that John was not a prophet of God, because the people generally accepted the Baptist as a prophet indeed. With cowardly fear of the people and hardened unbelief toward Jesus, they refused to answer his question.

Jesus' Authority Rejected
12:13-17

The parable recorded in verses 1 to 12 must be kept in mind. Jesus spoke this parable about the faithless tenants of a vineyard to declare that he was the Son of God who had come to receive the fruits of his Father's vineyard. The leaders of the Sanhedrin wanted to arrest Jesus, but they were afraid of the multitude. Now they devised a scheme of trying to ensnare him in speech. First, Pharisees and Herodians — bitterly hostile toward one another but more hostile toward Jesus — tried to catch him on the horns of an inescapable dilemma: Is it right to pay taxes? To say yes would make Jesus a supporter of the hated Roman Government and a traitor in the minds of the Jews. To say no would place him in rebellion against Caesar. Jesus of course saw and understood their hypocrisy. He used a coin to illustrate man's obligations both to government and to God. Then Jesus admonished them: "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

Jesus' enemies persisted with other trick questions—one about the resurrection (vv. 18-27) and one about the greatest commandment (vv. 28-37). Jesus pointed out the error and the rationalism of the Sadducees; and he declared that the greatest commandment is the obligation of love, both toward God and toward man, which cannot really be separated.

Truths to Live By

Acceptance of the authority of Jesus is the way to freedom and fulfillment. — This does not mean that acceptance of his authority is without stern demands, that it does not involve hardship, or that it will not involve risk and suffering, toil and pain. It does mean that we find true freedom under the lordship of Christ, the freedom of voluntary obedience, the freedom of being in the will of God, the freedom of a life controlled by love, and the freedom of deliverance from the enslaving power of evil.

Let us beware of the spirit of rebellion. — We live in an age of rebellion. Around the world the spirit of pride and self-will runs wild. People rebel against established law and government, against meaningful traditions, against culture patterns, and against mature leadership. This spirit of rebellion turns into mob violence, uninhibited lust and undisciplined license, absurd manners of dress and indifference to responsibility, and blatant desecration of holy things and violation of the rights of other persons. All this is individualism turned into anarchy and chaos. Let Christians wake up to the deadly potential of this spirit of rebellion.

Phil. 4:14-19; Romans 15:25-27;

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

By Bill Duncan

We have all used the expression,

"and within itself," about everything.

The title for our lesson establishes that the giving of mission money is a means to an end but not the end itself. Money is necessary for the mission work of our churches. The amount of the gift, as compared with

the total available, reflects the interest of missions in the church. The gift many times truly reflects the sacrifice of the individual for missions, and by his gift he is in the Mission work wherever that may be. The money is what sends the missionary and keeps him there.

We need to be realistic to the financial needs of our mission program. Through the years the regular offerings of our churches have increased. Yet the percentage of our offerings going to missions have not increased all that much. Recently Mr. Owen Cooper made these observations: "The special offerings of our churches for missions, Lottie Moon, and Annie Armstrong receive about 18 million dollars. In order to give that amount of money to these mission boards, Southern Baptists would have to give \$200,000,000 more through their church offering."

The problem is that our local churches are holding on to such a large percentage of their offering. Last year Southern Baptists, as a whole, paid more in interest for the money borrowed than they gave for missions outside their local fields. Every church should plan to give more for missions as a means of spreading the Gospel. The church that will give more for missions with a sense of proportion will do more toward meeting local needs.

The Church at Philippi

After Paul had left the area of Macedonia the church at Philippi was the only one to write and express an interest in supporting the missionary as he went elsewhere. When Paul got to Thessalonica, he received into his "necessity" from Philippi. The church expressed gratitude for the gospel that was preached unto them by sharing in the missions.

The reason Paul was pleased with the mission gift is expressed in Phil. 4:17. "Not because I desire a gift; but I desire fruit that may abound to your account." The one giving is the one who receives the credit for the gift. By opening the door and giving to missions, there is opened the channel for God to supply our needs. The act of kindness and generosity will stand greatly to the credit of the church in the sight of God. The joy of the gift was because of the joy he saw in the giving. No gift to God ever made a man the poorer.

Giving: A Means For Missions



Veteran Bell-Ringer

BRIGHTON, Mass. — Meet Miss Catherine Cunniff of Brighton, Mass., one of the country's few women bell-ringers and church volunteer extraordinaire. Now 75, she has been tolling the steeple bell at St. Columbkille's Catholic church for 55 years. In 1913 the pastor asked for a volunteer and Miss Cunniff took over. For "lifelong dedication" to the parish, one of the four pastors she has served dedicated a stained glass window in her honor. (RNS Photo)

Wallace E. Johnson Elected To Bible Committee Chairmanship

NEW YORK. — Wallace E. Johnson of Memphis, Tenn., former Mississippi, president of the Holiday Inns of America, Inc., has been elected to the new post of chairman of the board of the Layman's National Bible Committee.

The board of directors, at its annual meeting, also officially approved changing the organization's name by inserting the word "Bible" in Laymen's National Committee.

The interfaith Laymen's Committee was formed in 1941 at the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor to encourage greater interest in Bible-reading and study. It sponsors the annual National Bible Week and a variety of educational programs.

Bible Week this year will be

Overseas Baptisms 50,003 Last Year

The 5,154 churches and 6,974 congregations related to Southern Baptist mission work overseas reported the baptism of 50,003 new Christians during 1968, bringing their total membership to 611,470. These figures are in the Foreign Mission Board's annual report, now in final preparation.

The figures do not include many people who made professions of faith in Christ but who have not yet been baptized, Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen noted. Worldwide emphasis was placed on evangelism during the year, which closed with more than 8,000 decisions being registered during the Philippine 1968 New Life Crusade.

At the end of the year 538,304 were enrolled in Sunday School, 156,370 in Training Union, 166,139 in Woman's Missionary Union, and 18,368 in Brotherhood organizations. Vacation Bible School registration for the year totaled 177,069.

The report revealed that 3,672 of the churches are self-supporting, and that the number of national pastors is 4,413.

With a record 247 missionary appointments being made in 1968, there were 2,371 missionaries under appointment to 69 countries or territories at year's end. This figure in-

cludes 119 missionary associates and 122 missionary journeymen. More than half the 4,176 missionaries appointed since the organization of the Foreign Mission Board are now in active service.

"We press toward the objective of 5,000 missionaries at the earliest possible date," Dr. Cauthen said, "with full confidence that Southern Baptists, because of their love for Christ and their awareness of worldwide needs, will continue to provide the essential funds through the Cooperative Program and the Little Moon Christmas Offering."

Dr. Cauthen stressed that sustained advance requires an increase in operating funds of \$2,000,000 annually. He expressed thanks that about 50 percent of the Cooperative Program funds available to the Southern Bap-

tist Convention have been allocated to foreign mission work for the last several years.

The annual report also showed that 837 schools ranging from kindergarten through senior college enrolled 87,597 students last year. This total includes 1,894 students at 46 theological seminaries.

During the year 21 hospitals and 83 clinics provided care for 47,586 inpatients and 631,977 outpatients. Sixteen children's homes provided care for 800 children, and 24 good will centers enrolled 6,818 children and 3,961 adults.

Twenty-seven publication centers produced 1,184,806 copies of 237 books, 6,062,553 copies of 398 periodicals, and 17,048,931 copies of 315 tracts.

Church Programing Seminar Mar. 17-21

NASHVILLE — A seminar on church programing will be conducted by the church administration department of the Sunday School Board, March 17-21 at the Church Program Training Center here.

Exploring techniques for a total church program planning, evaluating and coordinating of resources and personnel will be the goal of the seminar.

Interested church staff members, church council members, association and state leaders may register by writing the Church Program Training Center, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

1st, Wiggins, Votes To Assist Lizana

First Church, Wiggins has entered into an agreement to lend assistance to the Lizana Church of Gulf Coast Association.

Rev. N. J. Lee, who is serving as interim pastor of Lizana, is a member of First Church, Wiggins and was at one time pastor of that church.

Through the efforts of the deacons and members of the Missions Committee of First Church, Wiggins, people from the church go with Mr. Lee in the work that is being conducted as a mission venture. Rev. J. Ray Grisett is pastor of First, Wiggins.



Lowndes Baptists Focus On World Missions

Lowndes County Association conducted World Missions Conferences February 22 - March 2. Dr. S. B. Woodson, pastor, First Church, Columbus, and Chairman of the Associational Missions Committee led the churches in this effort. It was the first in the association in the memory of the leaders.

Speakers were, left to right, Rev. Clarence H. Cutrell, Associate, in Stewardship Department of Mississippi Baptists, state missions; Miss Mary Lee Earnest, Malaysia and Singapore, foreign missions; Mrs. C. F. McGinnis, Tampa, Florida, home missions; Rev. J. D. Hooten, Uganda, foreign missions; Rev. C. F. McGinnis, Tampa, Florida, home missions; Rev. Ivan Simoneaux, DeRidder, Louisiana, home missions; and Rev. E. Jackson Whitely, Venezuela, foreign missions. Thermon Bryant, Cooperative Missions Department, (not in picture) spoke in two of the churches on the last Sunday.

Twelve of the 22 churches heard the speakers. One other church had present with them during the week the missionary supported by their church. Attendance and response on the part of the churches was excellent.

Lectures By Adams

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP) — Former Baptist World Alliance President Theodore F. Adams, retired pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richmond, will be the first lecturer in the H. I. Hester lectureships on preaching at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary here, March 24-28.

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Sermon Contest To Encourage Preaching On '69-'70 Theme

A project to encourage preaching on the Southern Baptist Convention's 1969-1970 theme, "Living the Spirit of Christ in Belief and Relevance," is being sponsored by the Southern Baptist Inter-Agency Council, in the form of a contest for award-winning sermons with \$100 for First Place, \$100 for Second Place, and \$50 for Third Place. The next five best sermons will be designated Honorable Mention Award winners at \$25 each. Sermons should be 1500 to 2000 words in length, with outlines. They should be on the theme, "Living the Spirit of Christ in Belief and Relevance."

The three best sermons will be printed in The Baptist Program and all eight of the award winning entries will be sent to the state Baptist papers for use at their discretion. Judging will be under the direction of Dr. Leonard Hill, managing editor, The Baptist Program. Anyone may submit an entry.

May 1, 1969 is the deadline for submission of sermon entries, and winners will be decided not later than June 1, 1969.

Entries should be mailed to 70 On-

March 16 Homecoming

Holly Springs Church (Lincoln County) will hold their annual homecoming services March 16. The morning message will be presented by the pastor, Rev. Horton. Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall, followed by gospel singing in the afternoon. All former members and public are invited; all proceeds will go for the upkeep of the cemetery.

ward Committee, Room 104, 400 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee 37219.

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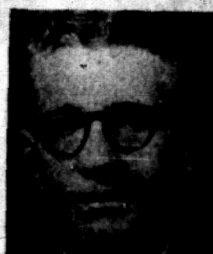
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June 16 - 21

Music Leadership Retreat
June 19 - 21



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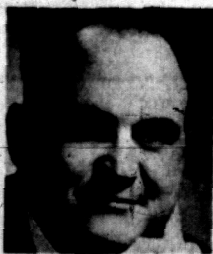


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Assembly Pastor: James Fancher, Aberdeen

Second Youth Music Week
July 7 - 12



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Revival Dates

South Hill (Jones): March 16-23; Crusade of Americas revival; Rev. Claude Fortenberry, evangelist; Rev. Thomas Balch, pastor.

Southside, Hattiesburg: March 16-23; Crusade of Americas revival; services at 7 p. m.; Dr. Joel Dillard Ray, pictured, superintendent of missions, Lebanon Association, evangelist; J. E. Sims, youth director at 38th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, and student at Wm. Carey College, song leader; David Dukes, organist for South 28th Avenue Church, Hattiesburg, organist; Gary McInnis, in charge of visitation and counseling; Rev. Garland McInnis, pastor.

Straight Bayou, Anguilla (Sharkey County): March 16-21; Sunday services at 11 and 7; week-night services at 7:30; Rev. Robert Ragland, Louise Church, evangelist; Dale Wilson, Anguilla Church, song leader; Mrs. R. J. Powell, Jr., Straight Bayou Church, pianist; Rev. J. H. Jones, pastor.

Trinity, Laurel (Jones County): March 16-21; services at 9 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Monday through Friday; Rev. Fred Fowler, pastor of Clarke Venable Church, Decatur, evangelist; Gary Cornett, minister of music at Trinity, singer; Rev. Wayne Frederick, pastor.

First Church, Carriere: Crusade of the Americas; March 24-30; night services at 7:30; Rev. C. G. Wells, (pictured) Morgan City, Louisiana, evangelist; Dwight Kemp, minister of music, song leader; Rev. Wm. Gary Smith, pastor.

Holly Grove (Simpson): March 12-18; Rev. Jackie Cook, Clinton evangelist; Don C. Callender, music director; Mrs. Marilyn Everett, pianist; Rev. W. Michael Everett, pastor.

Webb Church, Tallahatchie County: March 16-21; Rev. James Duke, evangelist; Mrs. George Hightower, organist; Miss Ann Jolly, pianist; Rev. Kenneth Duke, pastor.

Harperville Church: March 16-21; regular time on Sunday, 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Monday-Friday; Rev. Clarence Cutrell, associate in the Stewardship Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Board, evangelist; Herbert Batson, music and education director for First Church, Crystal Springs, song leader. Rev. Elton Barlow, pastor.

Bethel (Rankin): March 16-21; revival team from Clarke College, with Rev. Donald Tharpe as evangelist; Rev. W. C. McGee, pastor.

Temple Church, Petal: March 16-21; Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; weekday services at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Howard D. Smith, Washington, evangelist; Tommy Hassel, song leader; Rev. G. W. Smith, pastor.

Grandview Church, Pearl: March 16-23; Rev. Jim Bain, pastor, North Oxford Church, evangelist; James Netherland, music director at Grandview, will lead the singing; services at 6:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Bill Beam, pastor.

Crooked Creek, Rt. 2, Silver Creek: March 16-21; services 7 p. m.; Rev. Luther Price, Arm Church, evangelist; Rev. E. C. Smith, pastor.

First Church, Wiggins: March 16-21; Crusade of Americas revival; 7:15 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Monday through Friday; Sunday Services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Burnis Barrett, First Church, Crofton, Maryland, evangelist; Rev. J. Ray Grissett, pastor.

Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson: March 16-23; Rev. Wilson Winstead, pastor, evangelist; James T. Moore, song leader; services at 7 a. m. and 7 p. m. On Thursday night the Clarke College Singers will present a program of music at the evening worship service.

Branch (Scott): March 17-23; Rev. Leon Adams, evangelist, senior at Mississippi College and pastor at Spring Hill Church, Tallahatchie Association; services at 7:00 p. m.; Clark Measells, leading the singing; Mrs. Katie Measells, pianist; Rev. James L. Cooper, pastor.

Calvary Church, Waynesboro: March 16-21; Rev. David Hampton, pastor, Kensington Church, evangelist; Ronnie Parker, minister of music at Calvary, song leader; services at 7:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Mrs. Gene Barnett, organist; Miss Alicia Powell, pianist; Rev. Jerry Henderson, pastor.

Morrison Heights Church, Clinton: March 24-30; Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., pastor, Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, evangelist; services at 7 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Bob Magee, minister of music; Rev. Charles Gentry, pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. Billy R. Peacock, missionaries to Korea, have left the States for their first term of service overseas (address: Baptist Mission, I.P.O. 1361, 55-5 Ka, Chong Moo Ro, Seoul, Korea). Both Mr. and Mrs. Peacock are natives of Louisiana. He was born and reared in Baton Rouge; she is the former Teressa Mazzara, of New Orleans. When they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in July, 1968, he was pastor of Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain, Miss.

Dr. David Irby of Jackson, Tenn., a member of the Union University staff since 1964, and native of Wayne County, Miss., will fill a new deanship post at the University beginning June 1, 1969. Dr. Irby was elected Dean of Religious Affairs during the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees. The administrative position was created last June by the Board, and at the time of the announcement Union University President Robert E. Craig said the new post would be a pilot plan to give spiritual activities on the campus a greater role.

Dr. John Magee, chairman of the department of chemistry at the University of Notre Dame and one of the nation's top radiation chemists, was guest lecturer at Mississippi College recently in the Hederman Science Building. Dr. Magee is a 1935 graduate of Mississippi College.

Ronnie Prevost, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Prevost of Hazelhurst, has accepted a call to Trinity Church, Vicksburg, as part-time minister of music and youth. A graduate of Hazelhurst High School, he is a sophomore at Mississippi College, where he is a member of the Cantata Choir, Civitan, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

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Oak Forest, Jackson: March 16-23; Crusade of Americas revival; Rev. Tom Hudson, pastor; Rev. Melvin Wise (pictured), Atlanta, Georgia, evangelist; Tom Larrimore, Colonial Heights, Jackson, musician.

Southside, Jackson: March 16-30; Rev. Matthew A. Sanderford, (pictured) Director of the Merchandise Accounting Division of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, Texas, and former missionary to Uruguay, evangelist; Rev. S. W. Valentine, pastor; Ralph E. Jackson, music director; Mrs. Ralph E. Jackson, organist; Mrs. T. T. Calhoun, pianist; services Monday through Friday, both weeks, at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Bethany (Jeff Davis): March 16-21; Rev. Bobby Waggoner, pastor, Evergreen Church, Louisville, evangelist; Mrs. Retha Adams, music director; Rev. L. C. Anthony, pastor.

New Zion Church, Liberty: March 14, 15, 16; youth revival; Friday and Saturday night services at 7:30 p. m.; Rev. James Clark, New Orleans Seminary student, evangelist; Glen Bowl-in, youth pastor; young people in charge of service Sunday morning, March 16; Rev. Basil H. Wicker, Jr., pastor (Mr. Clark, a graduate of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Ky., has served as pastor in Kentucky and as a summer missionary in Las Vegas, Nevada.)

Big Ridge Church, Biloxi: March 16-23; services 9:30 a. m., 7:15 p. m.; Rev. James White, pastor, Trinity Church, West Monroe, La., evangelist; Grant Shipp, music director; Rev. Robert M. Carlisle, pastor.

First, Florence: March 16-23; Rev. M. G. Reedy, pastor Highland Church, Laurel; Dennis McIntire, minister of music at Florence, singer; services 7:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Dr. Luther M. Dorr, pastor.

Allison Named New Stewardship Staffer

NASHVILLE (BP)—F. Paul Allison field service consultant for the education division of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here, has been named director of communication for the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission here, effective

Seventeen minutes off your life with each cigarette you smoke, is a quote by Dr. Dale Dominy, Atlanta thoracic

New Palestine, Picayune: March 16-21; laymen-led revival; Rev. Clyde Gordon, at left above, evangelist; David Whaley, at right, music director; services nightly at 7:30; fellowship and dinner on the grounds, Sunday, March 16, at 12 noon.

New Fellowship (Jasper): March 23-28; Rev. Fred Fowler, pastor of Clarke Venable Church, Decatur, (pictured), evangelist; services nightly; Crusade of Americas; Rev. J. H. Street, interim pastor.

Salem Church, Tylertown: March 16-21; Sunday services 10 a. m. and 6 p. m.; weekday services 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. Rev. H. B. Speights, pastor; Bethel Church, Hazlehurst, evangelist; David Grimsley, minister of music, Tylertown Church, singer; Rev. A. G. Gray, pastor.

New Zion (Scott): "Crusade of Americas"; March 16-21; Rev. Pete Jackson, pastor of Clifton Church (Scott), evangelist; Rev. Stanley Benton, pastor; lunch to be served at church, March 16; services each week night at 7:00.

Devotional

"Learn From Me"

The Meaning of Life
By HORACE L. KERR
Director of Education-Administration
First Church, Jackson

Two men, visiting for their church, entered a small apartment. They were received by a big man, young but listless, dressed in work pants and an undershirt. Conversation revealed that the man worked at a monotonous job, following a daily routine of getting up, going to work, returning at night to that uninviting apartment while his wife worked as a waitress. The man nor his wife was a Christian. They knew none of the joys of Christ or of association with His people in a church. As the visitors presented the claims of Christ to their host the thought struck one of them: "Life has so little meaning to this man!"

Jesus says "Learn of Me." The true meaning of life can only be learned from Him. He teaches that life is more than existence: "Is life not more than food, and the body than clothing?" (Matthew 6:25 NASB)

Life is more than possessions; "for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions." (Luke 12:15 NASB)

Jesus answers the questions of those who intuitively see this life as transient and incomplete and who want to get into the mainstreams of life. He speaks to those who wear His yoke: "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned." (John 15:5, 6 NASB) Life has meaning only when it is properly related to Christ and fulfills that purpose for which it was created.

surgeon, in an article on lung cancer by Thomas Sellers, Science Editor of Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. Sellers says this year lung cancer will kill 46,000 men and 9,000 women, and each day new research discoveries place increasing blame on cigarette smoking as a cause.

Names In The News

The 1969 volume of Outstanding Young Women of America will carry the names of six Mississippi College alumnae according to Mrs. Patricia Bogle, director of the non-profit organization. Having their biographies appear in the publication will be Mrs. Marilyn Pettie East of Ruleville and Clinton; Mrs. Sandra Kay Cheatham Young, Pascagoula; Miss Elna Stark Pearson, Baton Rouge, La.; Miss Peggy Rae Dorris, Arkadelphia, Ark.; Miss Kathleen Roberts, Jackson; and Mrs. Charlotte Ruth Allen Murff, Hattiesburg.

Six Mississippi College alumni have been selected for inclusion in the 1969 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America. Alumni named for the honor were Dr. Robert Grant Ford, Birmingham, Alabama; Dr. Jimmy Frederick Vessell, Vicksburg; Ernest Ray Finson, Jr., Bluefield, Virginia; Rev. R. Thomas Hudson, Jackson; Charles E. Wilbanks, Corinth; and Jerry DeLaughter, Jackson.

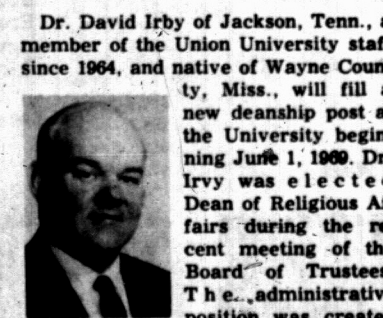
Two William Carey College alumnae have been named to the 1969 listing of "Outstanding Young Women in America." They are Mrs. Milton Wheeler and Miss Beth Ann Richey. Mrs. Wheeler served as acting dean of women at William Carey College and is now actively involved in the admissions program of the school. Miss Richey is a 6th grade teacher at Camp Elementary school in Hattiesburg and last year won the Outstanding Educator of the Year Award.

Rev. J. S. Johnson, publicity chairman, states, "In preparation for the Crusade revivals in the county, the Jasper Association has been hard at work." Rev. Howard Davis, chairman of evangelism, recently succeeded Rev. James F. Smith, who moved to Central Church, Brookhaven. Five evangelism committees are functioning. They are: Rally, Rev. D. D. Satterwhite, chairman; Rev. J. W. Tynes, Paul Graham, and Rev. James Shumate; Fellowship, Rev. Artis Brewer, chairman, W. E. Phillips, Jr., and Davis Gardner; Follow-up, Rev. James Pugh and Rev. Lester Gardner; Finance, Truman Phillips, chairman; and Publicity, Mr. Johnson, chairman, and Conrad Saxon.

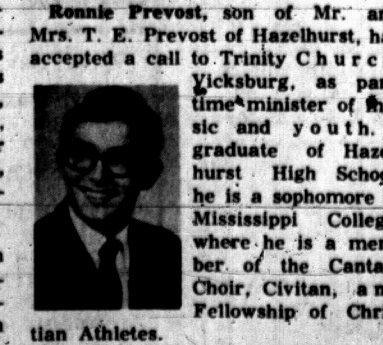
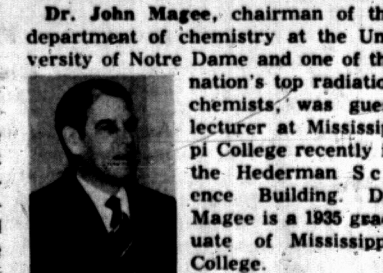
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Mrs. Nobles Entertains "Foundation Ladies"



Mrs. Ruby Brown, center above, of Russell, Miss., and her two daughters, shown with her, Sara Ann Brown and Mary Evelyn Brown, have completed five years of perfect attendance in Sunday school and are working on their sixth year.



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Off The Record

Ooops!
Muffled voice on telephone: "Hello, is this the attendance office?"
"Yes. May I help you?"
"Yes. I'm calling to tell you that Josie can't come to school this morning?"
"Who is this calling please?"
"This is my Mother calling."
"Thank you, Josie."

Play It Cool
The hold-up man shoved a note at the bank teller, ordering, "I've got you covered. Hand over all the dough in the cage."
The teller scribbled his reply. "Kindly go to the next window. I'm on my lunch hour."

Cats
"Cats that's meant for little boys to mail and tease is called Mautemae cats. Some cats is rekindered by how quiet their purr is and these is Puri-an cats. Cats what has bad tempers is named Angora cats. And cats with deep feelings is called Felines. I don't like cats." — Composition by anonymous schoolboy in Heathway

1969 SUNDAY SCHOOL CRUSADE BIBLE TEACHING CONFERENCE

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

GREENWOOD-MARCH 17-18, 1969

Rev. Clifton Perkins, Pastor

Speakers: Dr. Charles Myers, Jackson; Dr. Johnny Lee Taylor, McComb; Bryant M. Cummings, Jackson

Soloist: Dr. Claude Rhea, Jr., Richmond, Virginia

MONDAY NIGHT
7:00 God's Word, Special Music
7:15 CONFERENCES
8:35 Reassemble in Auditorium
8:40 Special Music—Claude Rhea, Jr.
8:50 Message—"The Bible Speaks About Outreach"—Charles Myers
9:15 Adjourn

TUESDAY AFTERNOON
1:30 CONFERENCES
3:00 Adjourn

TUESDAY MORNING
9:00 God's Word, Special Music
9:10 Feature
9:35 Special Music—Claude Rhea, Jr.
9:40 Message—"The Power of Positive Teaching"—Bryant Cummings
10:10 Break
10:30 CONFERENCES
12:00 Adjourn

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Song Leader: Lewis Bridges, Greenwood
Accompanists: Mrs. Bobby Craven, Mrs. Charles Walker, Greenwood

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